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U.S. Patent Nos. 6,226,020 and 5,601,022 are discussed in detail on pages 4 and 5 of the instant specification in the section entitled "Summary of the Invention". The other references were cited in a search report (copy enclosed) issued in the corresponding German application.

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